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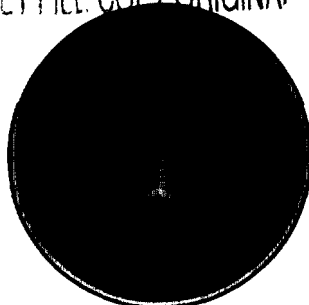
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: NARUC EX PARTE COMMENTS - Two Copies Filed In the following proceeding:

In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Rules and Policies to Increase Subscribership and Usage of the Public Switched Network

(CC Docket No. 95-115)

Dear Mr. Canton:

On October 19, 1995, various State regulatory staff and Commissioners participated in a conference call with the FCC staff concerning the above-captioned proceedings. The following persons were on the call: Terry Monroe of the New York PSC, Barbara Alexander and Joel Shifman of the Maine PUC, Commissioner Bob Rowe, Karen Hammel, and Kate Whitney of the Montana PSC, Jeff Richter of the Wisconsin PSC, Carl Henry and Sandra Ibaugh of the Indiana URC, Commissioner David Rolka, Mitchell Miller, and Debra Kriete of the Pennsylvania PUC, Brad Ramsay of NARUC, and, finally, Deborah^{ccB} DuPont, George Johnson, Alex Belifante, Andy Mulitz, and Emily Hoffnar of the FCC.

The call was convened at the request of FCC staff to discuss NARUC's and its member States' positions regarding this docket. It was confirmed during the call that NARUC's official position on this matter is articulated in a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee at the Summer 1995 NARUC meetings in San Francisco, and NARUC's comments as filed in the subject proceeding.

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To the extent that other or additional positions were articulated during the call, those statements were offered by State regulatory personnel acting in their State, rather than NARUC role.

The following issues were discussed during the call:

- o Ideas and programs where FCC action could have the most impact;
- o How the States and the FCC can best work together; and
- o The adequacy of current Census Bureau data.

The conversation began with a focus on a proposal offered in some States' comments. These States had suggested in their initial comments filed in this proceeding, that the FCC consider promulgating principles rather than rules. Part of the discussion focused on how adopting principles might serve to increase telephone subscribership.

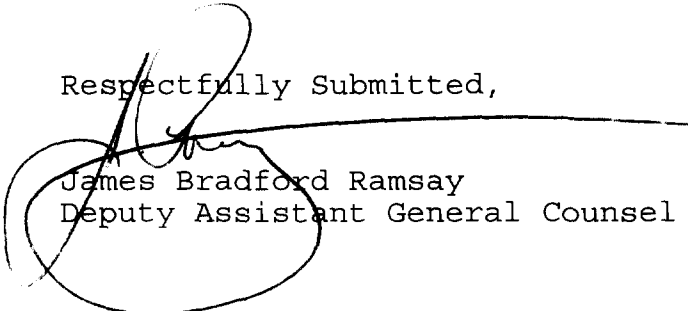
The FCC also requested additional information on State telephone subscribership policies. Discussion focused on how this might be accomplished (e.g., as part of the NARUC annual report, through a separate survey of States, or through the Joint Board Monitoring reports).

Finally, the need for more accurate and detailed subscribership data, particularly among certain population subgroups and geographic areas (e.g., counties, cities) was discussed.

The call concluded with the FCC and NARUC staff agreeing to have further discussions on these issues.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, or you need additional information on NARUC's position, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-898-2200.

Respectfully Submitted,


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